

Colts Win Deciding Game--Griffin Reinstated

LAVAL'S HOME RUN IN FIRST INNING WINS GAME FOR RICHMOND

Hedgepeth Pitches Remarkable Game for Petersburg but Buschmen Unable to Hit Jim Vance--Piez Makes Remarkable Throw, Cutting Off Run at Plate.

Table with 10 columns: Player, A.B., R., H., 2B., 3B., H.R., S.B., S.H., T.B., S.O., B.B., O., A., E. Rows for Richmond and Petersburg players.

Richmond, 6. Time of game--1:15. Umpire--Norcum.

BY GUS MALBERT. One little round counter, checked to the credit of Bill Laval just as the cover was torn off the last of the Petersburg-Richmond series of clashes, brought victory for the home lads and sent Heinrich Busch across the Appomattox tagged to a 1 to 0 score, with Richmond in secure possession of first place.

It happened behind the very best pitching shown to the public this season. Laval's jam to left centre could have been handled quicker and more accurately by Roy Spencer had the heat not affected that young man's temper, and this is taking nothing from Bill, who tore around the sluices at a speed surprising even to himself. It was a legitimate circuit slam, and Bill deserves all the honors and all the glories for cashing that one run, which grew larger and larger as the game progressed.

Piez Stops Hedgepeth. But while Bill is entitled to the laurel wreath for his part in the offensive department, Sandy Piez is hereby voted the halo for preventing what appeared to be an almost certain tally for the Buschmen at a time when the Colts were hitting something like .600 minus. It would be more nearly correct to put it thusly: Laval won the argument and then Piez kept us from losing it. If the New York young man never does another thing in his remaining weeks hereabouts, that one throw to the plate, nipping Hedgepeth in the eighth, will chart him as the hero of as desperate a struggle between two clubs primed for battle and ready to take advantage of every opening, as has ever been witnessed in the Boatwright organization. The absolute opposites in pitching methods were matched against each other. Harry Hedgepeth, Petersburg's big and speedy outfielder, and James Vance, the husky individual whom Petersburg it go, and whom Steve Griffin grabbed at once. Hedgepeth, young, strong, flashy, with a mixture of curves and speed, depending largely in his strength and his ability to deceive through hooks and bends, against Vance, not young any longer, though equally as strong, but crafty and cunning, deliberate and painstaking, his chief asset an ability to conserve his energy.

Allows Just Three Hits. Since both were at the top of their form, the battle waged and roared, while the sweltering audience sat and looked. It was the hardest luck in the world for Hedgepeth to lose that ball game. Even those of us who neither ask nor give quarter to the enemy must realize that actually Hedgepeth outpitched Vance. He not only outpitched Vance, but alone made as many safe hits as he allowed all of the Richmond team. In his three times at bat he banged out a single, a double and a triple, yet the men behind him failed when the test came and were unable to muster the strength to drive even the tying tally across, though opportunity knocked often. When a pitcher is beaten after holding the opposition to three safeties, issuing not a walk and striking out five, besides proving powerful in attack, he has little cause to find fault with himself.

Only once after the first inning did Richmond get a runner as far advanced as first base. Ducky Eberts bunted to Damrau in the fifth and caught him flat-footed, beating the throw without much hurry. He was sacrificed to second by Newton, but was caught in a vain attempt to pilfer third with two out. That's the best we could do against Hedgepeth. During the entire nine innings only twenty-five men actually faced the embryonic sawbones, and one of these is not credited with a legal time at bat, having sacrificed--a record to stick in the book and point to. Hedgepeth was a creature of circumstance. The men behind him were not hitting, and he suffered from one blow delivered by Bill Laval in the opening inning.

Vance's Strategy Tells. On the other hand, Jim Vance must not be charged with pitching a poor game. He brought every bit of knowledge he has gained through his years of experience into play, and the younger man made him extend himself to win. Vance was hit safely only six times, but on several occasions it took the stoutest kind of fielding behind him to protect that one-run lead. Knowing the weaknesses of his former teammates undoubtedly helped him, and it was illustrated in the case of Spencer, always a dangerous hitter. Jim knew where Spencer liked them, but instead of pitching 'em there, he worked the inside corners, and as a result the chief assaulter of the Goobers went hitless for the afternoon.

Not until the sixth did anything dangerous appear. In that box Dr. Hedgepeth led with his double, but was left marooned by his comrades. Simmons, who essayed a sacrifice, popped in the air to Mace, and neither Damrau nor Busch was able to advance the pitcher.

The turning point of the game came in the eighth, as told before. The same Dr. Hedgepeth, for whom pitchers after this will have greater respect, brought forth his third consecutive knock-in, bases on the force of the drive to three bases on this occasion. One was out, and Simmons was up. Not waiting to look any over, Simmons fouled the first ball, and on the second drove far ahead to Piez. The sandy-haired youngster set himself for the catch and the throw. As soon as the ball dropped into the fielder's glove Hedgepeth was off for home, but the throw was so accurate and so well timed and placed, that he was caught many feet before reaching the platter. A united crowd cheered Piez to the echo.

Pinch Hitter In Ninth. A final stab to win was made by Busch at the close. Rebel Cooper, who

CHARLEY PIEZ



"Sandy" great throw, heading Hedgepeth in eighth inning of yesterday's game, saved the day for Richmond. He was recently sold to the New York Giants.

Connie Mack Wants Dowden or Poh

Cornelius McGillicuddy wants either Tanny Dowden or Jake Poh as a member of the Athletics. Cornelius McGillicuddy is just plain Connie Mack for the benefit of those who may not know. In a letter to a prominent amateur baseball leader he makes the statement quoted above. That he has had his eye on these two lads, both members of the Battle Axe team of the Capital City League, for some time, readers of The Times-Dispatch know. Here is exactly what Mr. Mack writes:

"I want either Jake Poh or Young Dowden. I have every reason to believe that they are the most likely baseball material around the country to-day."

It may not be generally known--indeed, it is known by but few, but the crafty manager of the Philadelphia Athletics has had a scout in Richmond for more than a month, and his sole duty has been to follow the amateurs around for the purpose of picking up any promising youngsters that might come to light. Mack remembers his defeat at the hands of Joe Boehling, a graduate from the local sandlots.

GRIFFIN, REINSTATED, MAY PLAY TO-MORROW

President Boatwright Lifts Suspension--Colts Leave This Morning for Seaside Resort--Will Try to Break Monday Hoodoo.

BY GUS MALBERT. Manager Steve Griffin, who was set down by President Boatwright, after receiving a report from Umpire Norcum, charging that the leader of the Colts had shown a rather fractious disposition during the Portsmouth series, was reinstated yesterday. His banishment ended last night and he will be ready to enter the game to-morrow against the Tars, if he lists. It is not probable, however, that Griff will jump right in the fray. He may start Tuesday, but even if he determines to do this, he will probably keep Carter hanging around, for fear of injuries.

Under the watchful eye of Manager Steve, the Colts leave this morning for Ocean View, where they will put up during the Norfolk engagement. It will be another experiment. To a man the team promises to break the Monday hoodoo. It has been so long since the club has won a game on the blue day that few can recall the exact date. To what cause it must be attributed none is willing to point; the bitter fact remains that they have lost, and lost consistently on Monday. Unless they make good there will be no more seaside jaunts. That's the penalty Steve holds out. He has already passed the law that every man must be snugly tucked in his bunk by 11 o'clock, and keeping away from the seashore will be the next inhibi-

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ROANOKE TAKES SEVEN STRAIGHT

With Perryman Pitching Great Ball, Tigers Drive Newport News to Bottom.

Roanoke, Va., July 5.--With Perryman pitching shut-out ball, the Tigers grabbed their seventh game this week, making it nine out of the last ten games played. Barton pitched a fair game, but his own poor work was responsible for his defeat. Mattis hit for a home run with a man on first in the sixth. Perryman never was in danger, and in the last twelve innings that he has worked against Newport News, he all-wed but three hits. Summers, at short, put up a rattling game for the home club.

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Score by Innings: Roanoke, 00020200--8; Newport News, 00000000--0. Summary: Two-base hit--Summers. Home run--Mattis. Stolen bases--Chastant, Smith. Double plays--Geyer to Haddow to Kernan; to Haddow; Ginn to Noel. Bases on balls--Ginn, Riley, Geyer. Left on bases--Roanoke, 5; Newport News, 5. Hit by pitched ball--Irmischer. Struck out--By Perryman, 8; by Barton, 4. Passed balls--Riley, 2. Time of game, 1:20. Umpire, Clark. Attendance, good.

KELLER LEAVES FOR HOME TOWN

Norfolk, Va., July 5.--Right Fielder Keller, who was fined \$25 and suspended by President McCarty, of the Norfolk baseball team, because he refused to play ball after being compelled to pay a fine of \$10 imposed by Umpire Kennedy, left to-day for his home in Ohio.

Keller says he will not pay the fine, and President McCarty says he will not play ball until he does pay.

YOUNG BRINCKLEY SIGNED BY MACK

Boston, July 5.--It is announced that George Brinckley, younger brother of the Harvard football star, has signed a contract with Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. Brinckley has played second base for the Everett High School for four years. He leads his league in batting, season, having an average of over .300, and making a record of twelve home runs in twenty-one games.

JORDAN & OLSON TO WRESTLE HERE

George Herbert Arranges Match Between Star Lightweights for Next Thursday Night.

The several clever wrestling matches staged here by Promoter Herbert during the past several weeks have greatly stimulated the interest in the wrestling art in Richmond, and other events of equal interest and importance are being arranged. One of these will be staged next week, and it will be between Jack Jordan, of Toledo, O., and "Young" Olson, both of whom have been seen here in matches with Joe Turner. The winner of the Olson-Jordan match will again go against Turner in an effort to take the championship belt away from him. Promoter Herbert is also endeavoring to secure several heavyweight wrestlers to come to Richmond, and is hopeful of having come to Richmond meet Dr. Boller, of America, on the local mat. If this is arranged it will be the first of several heavyweight attractions to be staged here. Besides the middleweight and heavyweight events, it is probable that several lightweights will be brought here to go against Herbert, as the clever Richmond wrestler is anxious to get in the running for the lightweight belt, his first step being taken on the Fourth at Waverly, Va., when he met Young Clark of Chicago, and bested him two falls out of three.

Virginia League

Richmond, 1; Petersburg, 0. Portsmouth, 2; Norfolk, 7. Newport News, 0; Roanoke, 5.

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. Rows for Richmond, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Newport News.

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-MORROW Richmond at Norfolk. Roanoke at Portsmouth. Petersburg at Newport News.

I. A. A. C. WINNER OF A. A. U. GAMES

Weight-Throwers Turn Tide in Favor of Athletes From New York.

MEL SHEPPARD DEFEATED

Famous Sprinter Finishes Third Behind Baker and Deeruchy in Fast Time.

Chicago, July 5.--Three large gentlemen of Celtic extraction almost literally lifted the Irish-American Athletic Club of New York into first place this afternoon in the senior A. A. U. games at the pre-Olympic contests in Grant Park. Until Messrs. Martin McGrath, Patrick McDonald and Patrick Ryan had finished lifting and hurling the 56-pound weight, it appeared as though the Chicago Athletic Association had a chance to win the meet.

But when the announcement of the results in that particular event was made, Chicago was second and a comparatively poor second at that. Before the weight-throwing events, the Cherry Circle boys were leading the field. They had a total of 24 points, with the Boston A. C. second, with 20, and the Irish-American A. C. and the New York A. C. were tied for third, with 18 points each. After the large gentlemen of Celtic extraction had finished throwing the heavy weight, and had put the 16-pound shot further than their other competitors, and also had won the discus throw, Western "Joys" were chased off the field by the little black "glooms" from the East. The result was: Irish-American A. C., 44; Chicago A. C., 27; Boston A. C., 21; New York A. C., 18; Illinois A. C., 13; Missouri A. C., 11.

Springfield Sprinter Leads. One of the greatest sprinters the country ever has seen, a negro, H. P. Drew, running under the colors of the Springfield, Mass. High School, was the individual point winner, champion. This veritable streak of darkness easily won the 100 and the 220-yard dashes. His closest competitors were McGrath, of the Irish-American team, who won the 56-pound weight event and was second in putting the shot, and J. W. Kelley, of the University of Southern California, who got a first and a second in the hurdle races. Closely following on their heels was Patrick McDonald, also of the I. A. C. C. who had two seconds to his credit.

Three senior A. A. U. records were broken--the running hop, step and jump, the pole vault and the hammer throw. Dan Ahearn, champion of the world, cleared fifty feet even in the running hop, step and jump, beating the 48 feet six-inch mark set by E. V. Bloss in New York City in 1893. S. B. Waggoner, captain of the Yale track team, competing for the Missourian A. C., broke the pole vaulting record of twelve feet and six inches set in 1911 by C. Cook, of Cleveland. Patrick Ryan, I. A. C. C. broke the hammer throwing mark set by C. Walsh in 1911. Ryan's mark was 177 feet 3.4 inches, while Walsh's was 177 feet 6.1 inches.

Mel Sheppard Defeated. There were several surprises in the results. Probably the most startling was the defeat of Mel Sheppard, the wonderful distance runner who was entered in the half-mile run by the Irish-American A. C. Sheppard, third, being beaten by two New York A. C. men, H. Baker and C. Deernchy. Another unlooked for defeat was that of A. B. Kiviat, one of the greatest mile runners in the world. He accounted for the Irish-American C. team and had been looked upon as a sure point winner. He was beaten, however, by N. S. Taber, Brown University man and J. A. Power, both of whom ran for the Boston A. C. Mark Wright's failure to show some of his Eastern class in the pole vault also was a matter of comment. The Dartmouth class was distanced not only by Waggoner, but by P. Murphy and J. Gold, both of the Chicago A. C.

RICHMOND SCOUTS WIN POINT TROPHY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., July 5.--The Boy Scouts assembled at 9 o'clock this morning and drilled on the grounds of Lambeth Field. The tent-pitching and camp-breaking contests were omitted, there being no team to compete against Richmond. The University Troop won the signaling prize, a shield with crest and motto. The first prize went to Richmond Troop, and also the prize cup for point trophy. Richmond scored 102 points.

MCDONALD LEADS NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cobb and Jackson Running Neck and Neck in Junior Organization.

Chicago, Ill., July 5.--C. McDonald, the Boston National's star hitter, has hammered his batting average to the high point of .432, according to unofficial figures published for the day. McDonald's lead is now practically 50 points over the nearest rival. Only one of his thirty-eight hits so far have been for extra bases--three triples and three doubles. Crandall, of New York, is next in the National with .332. Cravath, of Philadelphia, has .346, and Hyatt, of Pittsburgh, .311. Cobb is slowly gaining on Jackson for the leadership in the American League. Jackson has an average of .404, and is about to make the first century in either league, for his hits up to date of comment. The figures of the week show he has made ninety-seven hits. Cobb's average is .387. Tris Speaker, who, like Jackson and Cobb, is a Southerner, ranks third in the American with .371. E. Collins, of Philadelphia, is fourth with .352.

BOEHLING PICKED AS FUTURE GREAT BY MANY EXPERTS

'Richmond Thunderbolt' Highly Regarded in Junior League.

EDDIE PLANK IS HIS ONLY RIVAL

Has Record of Seven Straight Victories, and Is Improving Every Day--Nick Altrock Takes Youngster in Hand and Teaches Him Some New Tricks.

Washington, D. C., July 5.--Richmond should be loud in its praise of Joe Boehling, the star southpaw of Clark Griffith's Nationals. Washington is proud of Boehling, and only regrets that he is not a native of the national capital. To-day Joe is the leading pitcher drawing salary in Ban Johnson's circuit. He has won seven games and lost none for the team representing the capital in the junior major organization, and his last four victories have been against teams considered by experts to have the best chance of winning the American League pennant. In his last four starts he has defeated Cleveland twice, Philadelphia and the championship Boston team. He let Boston down with three scattered hits, and held them runless for nine innings, a feat that would be a creditable performance to Walter Johnson, Eddie Plank, Chief Bender or any of the other star pitchers of the league.

Newspapers throughout the country have given him the title of the Richmond Thunderbolt, and a movement has already been started by the Boosters' Club, an organization of local baseball bugs, under the leadership of Chief Booster Bill Hoover, organizer of the clan, to have a banquet in honor of Joe when the Washington team returns from its present swing around the circuit, which it started by defeating Boston four times in as many days. Although his team was defeated, Jim McAleer, manager of the Boston Red Sox, was enthused over the youngster's performance. "So this is the kid that leads the American League!" he said after the game. "Well, I would like to have him on my team. He would win a whole lot of games for us, and round out our pitching staff nicely." That's what they think of Joe in the Hub.



JOE BOEHLING.

Ranked With Plank. According to several of the Boston players who were inclined to discuss the outcome of their defeat at the hands of Boehling last Wednesday, he has but one peer in the American League, Eddie Plank, of the Athletics. These members of the Red Sox team also stated that in their humble opinion Boehling has more "stuff" than Veau Gregg, of the Cleveland Naps, or Earl Hamilton, of the St. Louis Browns. Clark Griffith is very much enthused over the showing to date of Boehling, and predicts a brilliant future for him. Joe has already defeated Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and his manager predicts that before the fall of the curtain of the present season, the blonde southpaw will have beaten every club in the league. Credit for Boehling's wonderful showing to date is due the fact that

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